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- PARTS II AND III

PART 11 - RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

1. AS THE POLICY PORTION THAT THIS REPORT HAS POINTED OUT, THERE IS PROSPECT THAT UNDER THE NEW INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT IN INDIA, US/INDIA RELATIONS WILL BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL INCREASE. WHILE THIS PROSPECT IS REFLECTED IN COMMENTS ON STAFFING PLANS, I AM NOT RECOMMENDING ANY INCREASE. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS IS ONLY A TENTATIVE AND INTERIM REPORT. FOR EXAMPLE, IF A BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS INSTITUTED WE WILL BE FACED WITH THE NEED TO DETERMINE NOT ONLY WHAT INCREASE IN STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT BUT HOW THE EMBASSY SHOULD BE ORGANIZED FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT IS TOO EARLY TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS BUT THE DEPARTMENT, IN REVIEWING DELHI STAFFING, SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT OUR VIEW OF RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS MAY CHANGE IF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

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2. EXECUTIVE OFFICE: WITH THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DEMOCRACY, CREATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT WITH A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, WE CAN EXPECT THAT THE US WILL BE DOING MORE THINGS WITH INDIA AND IN INDIA. PART I OF THIS REPORT INDICATES A NUMBER OF AREAS IN WHICH THE AMBASSADOR MAY BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN HIGH-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS (NON-PROLIFERATION, CONVENTIONAL ARMS

TRANSFERS, BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE). UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN INDIA JOINT INDO-US COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES WILL PROBABLY INCREASE IN PACE AND NUMBER, REQUIRING CAREFUL DIRECTION AND CONTROL BY THE AMBASSADOR. I ASSUME THAT THE NEW US AMBASSADOR WILL BE NON-CAREER AND BRING WITH HIM RESPONSIBILITIES WHICH, ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO HIS DUTIES IN NEW DELHI, WILL CONTRIBUTE TO HIS STATURE AND EFFECTIVENESS. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE STAFF WAS CUT BY ONE OFFICER, LEAVING THE AMBASSADOR WITH ONLY ONE SPECIAL ASSISTANT. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A NEW AMBASSADOR MAY BE ABLE TO MANAGE THE EMBASSY WITH A PERSONAL STAFF OF ONE SPECIAL ASSISTANT, THE ONE SECRETARY AND ONE BACKUP SECRETARY (SHARED WITH THE DCM). IT SEEMS MORE LIKELY, HOWEVER, THAT HE WILL NEED A SECOND SPECIAL ASSISTANT: IN THIS CASE I PROPOSE THAT A POSITION AND ITS INCUMBENT BE TRANSFERRED TO THE FRONT OFFICE FROM THE POLITICAL SECTION. GIVEN THE MANY OPERATIONS IN WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGED IN INDIA (E.G. SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, INFORMATIONAL, MILITARY, NARCOTICS, AGRICULTURAL) THE DCM IS ESSENTIALLY A MANGER AND REQUIRES HIS PRESENT STAFF OF A PERSONAL SECRETARY AND A SHARE OF THE BACK-UP SECRETARY. HE CAN DRAW THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE HE NEEDS FROM OTHER SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY.

2. POLITICAL SECTION (INCLUDING CONSULATES GENERAL).
WITH THE RETURN OF FREE INSTITUTIONS TO INDIA, THE COUNTRY AGAIN HAS AN OPEN SOCIETY WHICH IS BOTH COMPLEX AND FREELY
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VISIBLE TO THE FOREIGN OBSERVER. THE US GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE AN INTEREST IN OBSERVING THE FUNCTIONING OF THE INDIAN DEMOCRACY AND THE PROSPECTS FOR STABLE GOVERNMENT. THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL FALL TO THE POLITICAL SECTION, WHICH WILL ALSO HAVE TO SUPPORT THE AMBASSADOR IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS NON-PROLIFERATION NEGOTIATIONS, DISCUSSIONS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, KEEPING INFORMED ON INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH ASIAN POWERS, CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION, AND INFLUENCING INDIA'S BEHAVIOR AS A NON-ALIGNED POWER. IN ADDITION TO THESE DUTIES, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR WILL CONTINUE TO BACK UP THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION IN HIS MANAGEMENT FUNCTION. THUS THE WORKLOAD OF THE POLITICAL SECTION WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE AT THE INCREASED LEVEL WHICH DATED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ELECTIONS. IT WILL THEREFORE NEED ITS STAFF OF SEVEN OFFICERS (ONE OF WHOM SERVES AS LABOR COUNSELOR) AND FOUR SECRETARIES (WHO ALSO SERVE THE GEOGRAPHIC ATTACHE). THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO USE ONE POSITION IN THE POLITICAL SECTION IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WOULD REDUCE THE POLITICAL SECTION'S

CAPABILITY TO PERFORM ITS FUNCTIONS WELL. IN THE CONSULATES, THE CONSULS GENERAL IN CALCUTTA AND MADRAS DO POLITICAL REPORTING IN ADDITION TO THEIR MANAGEMENT, REPRESENTATION, AND ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS. IN BOMBAY WHERE BUSINESS, FINANCE AND NUCLEAR ENERGY ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND PREOCCUPY THE CONSUL GENERAL, A SEPARATE POLITICAL OFFICER IS ASSIGNED. WITH THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT, THE LOCUS OF INDIAN POLITICAL POWER WILL MOVE BACK TOWARD THE REGIONS; THIS WILL MAKE MORE IMPORTANT POLITICAL REPORTING BY THE CONSULATES REGARDING THE PROSPECTS FOR STABLE GOVERNMENT IN INDIA. THE EFFECT OF THESE CHANGES IS TO PUT OUR POLITICAL OFFICER STRENGTH IN THE CONSULATES AT THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. THE POSITION OF GEOGRAPHIC ATTACHE IS INCLUDED ORGANIZATIONALLY IN THE POLITICAL SECTION. AMBASSADOR SAXBE IN LAST YEAR'S MODE EXERCISE RECOMMENDED ITS ELIMINATION BUT THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO RETAIN THE POSITION. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
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THIS JOB CAN BE CUT FOR DELHI COMPLEMENT.

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PART II - RESOURCE ASSESSMENTS

3. SCIENCE OFFICE: SCIENCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE US
AND INDIA IS PICKING UP AND IS LIKELY TO GAIN GREATER

EMPHASIS UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND AS THE UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES. THE EMBASSY'S SCIENCE STAFF OF TWO AMERICAN OFFICERS AND AN AMERICAN SECRETARY PLUS LOCAL SUPPORT STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THESE PROGRAMS AND TO BACK UP THE AMBASSADOR AND THE POLITICAL SECTION IN NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

4. ECONOMIC SECTION: THE STAFF OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION SHOULD REMAIN AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL: ONE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR, FOUR ECONOMIC OFFICERS AND FOUR SECRETARIES. I ANTICIPATE THAT WORKLOAD WILL INCREASE. I AM RECOMMENDING ELSEWHERE THAT THE POSITION OF TREASURY ATTACHE AND THE SECRETARY ASSIGNED TO THIS POSITION, BE ELIMINATED (AS DID AMBASSADOR SAXBE IN LAST YEAR'S MODE EXERCISE) AND THAT THE REPORTING DUTIES BE ASSUMED BY THE EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC STAFF AND THE CONSUL GENERAL IN BOMBAY, INDIA'S FINACTIAL CENTER. I ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT BY FY78 THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE RESUMED A BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF A MODER-
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ATE SIZE. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND HIS STAFF SHOULD REMAIN THE PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE AMBASSADOR ON ALL ASPECTS (INCLUDING ECONOMIC ASSIST-
ANCE) OF OUR BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH INDIA. I ALSO ANTICIPATE THAT THE EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI WILL BECOME MORE ENGAGED IN THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES IN REGARD TO WHICH INDIA WILL HAVE SOME INFLUENCE. FOR THESE REASONS I CONSIDER MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC STAFF ESSENTIAL.

5. COMMERCIAL SECTION: WE PLAN TO EXPAND US EXPORT PROMOTION ACTIVITIES IN BOTH THE FY78 AND FY79 COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAMS FOR INDIA (FIRST DRAFTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON DC). THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR ANALYSIS THAT INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SALE OF US CAPITAL GOODS, SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES WILL DEVELOP BECAUSE OF THE IMPROVED GOI FOREIGN EXCHANGE POSITION; SUBSTANTIAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS PETROLEUM, GAS AND MINERALS AND FOR INFRASTRUCTURES E.G. POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS; AND GENERALLY IMPROVED WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS. WE ALSO EXPECT SOME INCREASED INTEREST BY US FIRMS IN LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH INDIAN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE NEW CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAY EFFECT CHANGES OR SHIFTS IN GOI TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICIES WHICH WILL REQUIRE CLOSE MONITORING AND INTERPRETIVE ANALYSIS.

WE BELIEVE THE PRESENT AMERICAN STAFFING OF A COMMER-

CIAL COUNSELOR, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND SECRETARY IS REQUIRED. THE RESOURCES ATTACHE REPORTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN NATURAL RESOURCES WITH THE COMMERCIAL SECTION RESPONSIBLE FOR COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THESE AREAS. THE LOCAL STAFF OF FOUR FSL COMMERCIAL SPECIALISTS, A LIBRARIAN/CLERK AND SECRETARY IS REQUIRED TO HANDLE THE LARGE NUMBER OF WRITTEN INQUIRIES (4500 PER YEAR); VISITORS
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(2000 PER YEAR); MARKET RESEARCH PROJECTS: AND TRADE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES (CATALOG SHOWS, TRADE MISSIONS, FILM SHOWS, ETC.) WE RECOMMEND THAT THE AMERICAN AND LOCAL STAFF BE MAINTAINED AT THE CURRENT LEVEL FOR FY78 AND FY79. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMERCIAL STAFFS OF THE CONSULATES GENERAL REMAIN AT CURRENT LEVELS.

6. CONSULAR SECTION: WORKLOAD STATISTICS INDICATE THAT EVEN BEFORE FY78 THE CONSULAR SECTION WILL NEED A THIRD AMERICAN OFFICER AND ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL EMPLOYEE. WE PROJECT THAT DESPITE THE NEW LEGISLATION, IMMIGRATION VISA CASES WILL INCREASE BY 25 TO 30 PERCENT PER YEAR. IN REGARD TO NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS, WE BELIEVE THERE BE SOME REDUCTION IN THE RATE OF INCREASE FOLLOWING THE BICENTENNIAL/OLYMPIC YEAR, BUT THE RATE OF 10 PERCENT PER YEAR (ABOUT 1,000 ADDITIONAL INTERVIEWS) WILL BE MAINTAINED. DURING THE PAST YEAR WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT INDIA IS A HIGH FRAUD POST AND ONE IN WHICH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS FOR BOTH IMMIGRATION AND NON-IMMIGRATION VISAS REQUIRE PARTICULARLY CLOSE SCRUTINY. OVER THE PAST YEAR OUR REFUSAL RATE FOR NIVS HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED AND WE ANTICIPATE THAT IT WILL REMAIN WELL ABOVE 20 PERCENT.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION: WHILE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT THERE MAY BE LIMITED REDUCTIONS IN OTHER AGENCY STAFFING IN NEW DELHI, I ANTICIPATE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE A SMALL INCREASE IN AID STAFFING OF 5 TO 10 AMERICANS. THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT BURDEN THEREFORE WILL REMAIN AT LEAST AT PRESENT LEVELS. IN THE LAST THREE YEARS THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION'S LOCAL EMPLOYEE COMPLEMENT HAD BEEN REDUCED BY 43 POSITIONS WHILE THE NUMBER OF AGENCIES SERVICED INCREASED FROM 10 TO 16. THE REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTION CONDUCTED IN NEW DELHI LAST AUGUST CONCLUDED THAT NO FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, AMERICAN OR LOCAL, COULD
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BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT CAUSING A SEVERE INCREASE IN OVERTIME OR RESORTING TO NON-PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS. IN LAST SUMMER'S MODE EXERCISE THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL CALCUTTA RECOMMENDED THAT THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD CONTINGENT IN CALCUTTA BE ELIMINATED. THIS RECOMMENDATION HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTED UPON BY THE DEPARTMENT. IN VIEW OF THE UNEXPECTED CHANGE IN THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CALCUTTA, I URGE THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION BE TEMPORARILY HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THAT CITY.

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8. OTHER AGENCIES: I AGREE THAT THE MODE PROCEDURE SHOULD BE USED AS THE NORMAL VEHICLE FOR REACHING A DECISION WITH OTHER AGENCIES ON THEIR STAFFING IN DELHI. AMBASSADOR SAXBE MADE CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STAFF REDUCTIONS BY OTHER AGENCIES AS A PART OF THE MODE EXERCISE LAST JULY. MOST OF THESE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ACTED UPON IN WASHINGTON. I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM AS INDICATED BELOW:

A. TREASURY: OUR FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN INDIA ARE NOT OF A MAGNITUDE TO REQUIRE THE PRESENCE OF A SEPARATE TREASURY ATTACHE AND SECRETARY. HE REPORTING AND NEGOTIATION DUTIES OF THE TREASURY ATTACHE CAN BE ASSUMED BY THE STAFF OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION AND THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN BOMBAY PROVIDING THAT THE ECONOMIC STAFFING PATTERNS OF THESE TWO ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAINTAINED AT PRESENT LEVELS AND PERSONNEL QUALIFIED TO DO THE REPORTING

(INCLUDING THE CONSUL GENERAL IN BOMBAY) ARE ASSIGNED TO THESE POSITION.

B. USIS: AS THE INSPECTORS REPORTED LAST JUNE, BY ANY STANDARDS USIS IN INDIA IS AN IMPRESSIVE OPERATION WITH AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF OVER \$8 MILLION (ABOUT \$6 MILLION
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OF WHICH IS FROM THE US RUPEE ACCOUNT.) AND STAFFING OF 30 AMERICANS AND 360 INDIANS. IT WAS THE VIEW OF AMBASSADOR SAXBE THAT US INTERESTS IN INDIA DID NOT JUSTIFY A PROGRAM OF THIS SIZE AND HE PROPOSED UNDER MODE LAST SUMMER THAT INITIALLY THREE AMERICAN POSITIONS IN THE THREE USIS BRANCH POSITIONS (CALCUTTA, MADRAS AND BOMBAY) BE ELIMINATED. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD REQUIRE SOME REDUCTION OF INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN BOMBAY, POSSIBLY SOME REDUCTION IN MADRAS AND PROBABLY NONE IN CALCUTTA. THIS MODE RECOMMENDATION HAS NOT YET BEEN ACTED UPON BY THE DEPARTMENT. WHILE THE RECENT CHANGES IN INDIA WILL CREATE A CLIMATE WHICH IS MORE RECEPTIVE TO USIS ACTIVITIES, I NEVERTHELESS AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR SAXBE'S VIEW AND RECOMMEND THAT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS BE CARRIED OUT.

C. OTHERS: I AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF LAST YEAR'S INSPECTION THAT A FURTHER EXAMINATION OF REDUCTION IN STAFF IN AGENCIES OTHER THAN STATE SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW AMBASSADOR. I BELIEVE SUCH DELAY IS FURTHER JUSTIFIED BY THE RECENT CHANGES IN THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE NEED FOR A REVIEW AFTER SOME MONTHS OF HOW THESE CHANGES AFFECT US INTERESTS AND THE MANNER IN WHICH WE SHOULD USE OUR RESOURCES IN INDIA.

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9. REPROGRAMMING: IN THE EVENT THAT THE NEW AMBASSADOR WILL NEED ANY ADDITIONAL SPECIAL ASSISTANT, WE WOULD PLAN TO REPROGRAM A POSITION FROM THE POLITICAL SECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AS INDICATED IN PART II OF THIS REPORT, THE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE EMBASSY WOULD BE REDUCED AS A RESULT.

10. INCREASES/DECREASES: REPROGRAMMING CANNOT MEET THE INCREASED REQUIREMENT FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION CAUSED BY
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THE STEADILY INCREASING WORKLOAD. ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN AND ONE FSL WILL BE NEEDED TO COPE WITH THE DEMANDS OF THIS SECTION AS SET FORTH IN PART II, SECTION 5.

11. LOWER PRIORITY POSITIONS: OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS VIRTUALLY EVERY SECTION IN ALL POSTS HAS ABSORBED REDUCTIONS OF BOTH AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF WORLDWIDE DEMANDS. LAST SUMMER'S INSPECTION RECOMMENDED NO FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN NEW DELHI OF EITHER AMERICANS OR LOCALS BEYOND THOSE ALREADY CARRIED OUT OR RECOMMENDED ABOVE IN THIS REPORT. FURTHER REDUCTIONS OF STATE POSITIONS IN INDIA WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT PROGRAMS AT A TIME WHEN US GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY IN INDIA IS LIKELY TO INCREASE. IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE FIVE PERCENT LOWEST PRIORITY POSITIONS REQUIRED FOR WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING SUBMITTAL:

A. AMERICAN POSITIONS:

1 GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALIST. IF THIS IS CARRIED OUT THE ONLY GEOGRAPHIC OFFICE IN ASIA WOULD BE MOVED TO WASHINGTON. THE ELIMINATION OF THIS POSITION FROM THE DELHI COMPLEMENT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED IN PART II.

1 ASSISTANT REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER: THE LOSS OF THIS POSITION WOULD NECESSITATE A SIZABLE REDUCTION OF THE AREA COVERED BY THE NEW DELHI-BASED OFFICE. THE RSO WOULD LOSE FLEXIBILITY IN HIS CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE TERRORIST THREATS WITHIN THE AREA.

1 COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN-TELEPHONE: IF THIS POSITION IS CUT THE EMBASSY AND CONSTITUENT POSTS WOULD LOSE THE IN-HOUSE CAPABILITY FOR PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE REPAIRS TO TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT USUALLY RESTRICTED FROM SERVICING BY FSL TECHNICIANS.

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1 US DISBURSING OFFICER: THE DATA PROCESSING CENTER, BANGKOK, HAS TAKEN OVER THE PAYROLLING FUNCTION FOR INDIA. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL ASSUME

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PART III - STATE PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

THE VOUCHER PAYMENT OPERATION DURING FY1978. CARRYING OUT THIS CHANGE EARLIER WOULD RELIEVE THE EMBASSY OF THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT FOR A US DISBURSING OFFICER IN DELHI. HOWEVER, IF AND WHEN THIS DOES OCCUR, THERE WILL STILL BE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A NOMINAL "DISBURSING OFFICER" TO HANDLE THE VERY LARGE DAILY EXCESS CURRENCY ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE SERVICE TO THE SCORES OF AMERICAN TOURISTS.

TOTAL AMERICAN POSITIONS: 4

B. FOREIGN SERVICE LOCALS

8 VOUCHER CLERKS: THE EVENTUAL TAKEOVER OF PAYMENTS BY FADPC BANGKOK WILL LESSEN THE REQUIREMENT FOR FSLs IN THAT FUNCTION. IT WILL NEVERTHELESS BE NECESSARY TO HAVE STAFF TO PERFORM VOUCHER AUDIT AND CASHIER FUNCTIONS.

1 SECRETARY IN THE SCIENCE OFFICE: WITH THE
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NEW GOVERNMENT'S FOCUS ON THE BUILDUP OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA, THE REDUCTION OF ONE POSITION IN THIS SECTION WOULD RESTRICT ITS ABILITY TO KEEP ABREAST OF PROGRESS.

1 WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT: THE ELIMINATION OF A WAREHOUSE ASSISTANT IN THE GSO OFFICE WOULD FURTHER ADD TO THE DAILY PROBLEMS FACED IN EFFORTS TO PROVIDE PROMPT

EFFECTIVE SERVICE TO THE EMBASSY AND OTHER SERVICED AGENCIES.

1 SECURITY ASSISTANT: THE LOSS OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER WOULD THROW AN EVEN HEAVIER BURDEN ON THE LOCAL SY FSL STAFF IN THIS SENSITIVE AND IMPORTANT AREA.

3 FSL GEOGRAPHIC POSITIONS:

1 LIBRARY SPECIALIST

1 PUBLICATIONS SPECIALIST

1 PUBLICATIONS ASSISTANT

THE EMBASSY WOULD LOSE THE TOTAL CAPABILITY FOR MAP PROCUREMENT IN INDIA.

1 ECONOMIC CLERK: LOSS OF A POSITION IN THIS SECTION WOULD LESSEN THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO MEET REPORTING AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

1 ECON/COMMERCIAL CLERK BOMBAY: THE LOSS OF A POSITION IN THIS SECTION WOULD SORELY TAX THE ALREADY FULL TIME TASK OF COVERING THIS EXPANDING PROGRAM WITHIN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT.
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